THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'

MILLENNIAL STAR.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."
—PROVERBS.

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MINUTES OF DISTRICT MEETING

HELD AT EASTERN HALL, LIMEHOUSE, LONDON, JUNE 13, 1875.

Elders from Utah present: Joseph F. Smith, President of the European Mission; R. T. Burton, Prest. of London Conference; F. M. Lyman, Prest. of Nottingham Conference; M. H. Hardy, H. C. Fowler, W. L. Binder and D. K. Udall, Traveling Elders in the London Conference; John H. Smith, Birmingham, and Don C. Johnson, Glasgow Conferences; and W. L. Watkins.

10 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Prest. R. T. Burton. Hymn sung—

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire.

Prayer by Elder John H. Smith. Hymn—

Arise, O glorious Zion.

Elder W. L. Watkins addressed the meeting and said: My brethren and sisters, we are engaged in a glorious work, which the Lord has again revealed unto the children of men. The professedly religious world does not believe it—they say that God does not reveal his mind and will in this our day. We know that he has revealed the principles of salvation to Joseph Smith, in fulfillment of the prophecy given by John, Rev. xiv, 6. This is the work we are engaged in at the present time.

Jesus commanded his disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, saying, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark xvi, 16.

With the restoration of the Gospel the kingdom of God is established on the earth, never more to be thrown down. We have cause to rejoice that we have come to a knowledge of the truth. I know that the blessings of God are with this people, and though men may persecute them, they cannot destroy the truth; and all the words spoken by the holy Prophets will be fulfilled. Let us live our religion today, and put our trust in God. In His own due time all the Saints will be gathered to Zion.

Elder Thomas Hull said, he felt that he would like to say a word or two to the Saints before he went home to Zion. The work that we are engaged in is the work of God; it is the Gospel of Jesus, the power of God unto salvation. I have tried to live

my religion, and I know if I live according to the counsels of the Priesthood I shall be found in the right path. I am going home to Zion. I am leaving father and mother, brothers and sisters. This is a greater trial to me than I expected; but I am doing the will of God, and am going where I can obtain all that man can desire. I pray God to bless you.

Elder Peter Romeril said: Brethren and sisters, I know that this is the work of God. I am going to the Zion of the Lord, and I hope I shall live my religion there as I have endeavored to live it here. I wish to bear my testimony to the truth of this work. I hope I shall remain faithful after I arrive in Zion, and not make shipwreck of my faith.

I feel thankful to all belonging to the Whitechapel Branch for the support and kindness which they have shown me, and I exhort you to give heed to the teachings of the servants of God who come from Zion, for I know they are men of God. God bless you.

Prest. Burton bore testimony to the integrity of the two brethren who had just spoken; he also spoke of the sacredness of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and urged upon all the necessity of partaking of it with a pure heart.

Hymn, "Behold the great Redeemer died," was sung, and the Sacrament was administered.

Elder M. H. Hardy felt pleased with the opportunity of meeting with the Saints and of adding his testimony. Said, I know this work is true, and, if I know myself, my soul is in it. If we fail to accomplish all our ambition would lead us to anticipate, but do the best we can, the Lord will accept of our labors. I, like my brethren, leave my testimony with you, which is, I know that God has spoken from the heavens and established his Church on the earth never more to be thrown down. We are going to return to our homes in Zion, where we shall continue to labor for the establishment of the kingdom of God.

I have a desire to do the will of God, and carry out the counsels that are given to me. I thank you for the many acts of kindness which you have shown me, and I pray the Lord to bless you.

Hymn, "Come listen to a Prophet's voice." Benediction by Elder Perry.

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2 p.m.

Hymn, "The great and glorious Gospel light." Prayer by Don C. Johnson. Hymn, "Go ye messengers of glory."

Elder John H. Smith said: Brethren and sisters, it is with pleasure that I arise before you this afternoon. I presume that we are here for one common purpose—to be strengthened in our faith. I am pleased that I am thought worthy to be associated with the people called Latter-day Saints, and to be commissioned to teach the principles of life to the children of men; if we live according to those principles we are happy and free. I exhort you to let your actions conform to the professions that you have made, for we have a great work to do in securing salvation for our souls. If we live according to the laws of God we shall be accepted of him.

Elder F. M. Lyman said: The principles that we have embraced are very peculiar—when we do wrong they seem to get across our path and make us feel very uncomfortable. Men who are not of us, can do wrong, and not feel so uncomfortable as we do. How is this? Why, when we became Latter-day Saints, we made a covenant to serve God, and according to this covenant he gives us his Spirit, gives us light, and we realize what it is to conform to his will and to rebel against it. We feel under obligation to him, and if we make good use of this light, we will reap Eternal Life, if not, we shall reap damnation.

We have heard the voice of the servants of God: they came not to us in their own name, but came acknowledged of God, and we know it, for the promises they gave to us have been fulfilled. We know that we have received the Holy Ghost. Some may say, "How do you know this? We know it from the Lord, for he has revealed it to us. We know that they have the authority to preach the Gospel, and baptize for the remission of sins. Having received the Gospel, we

ought to live better than the world: the fact that we are called Latter-day Saints will not save us, if we do not live as becometh Saints. We have been baptized for the remission of our sins, so now we ought to walk in newness of life, and not walk in the ways of the world, for we are the children of the light. Now if we abuse the ordinances of God we may expect that he will be displeased with us; if we do right we shall obtain eternal life, which is the greatest gift of God to man.

I would say to my brethren and sisters, may the Lord bless you; may you be faithful and true to the covenants that you made at the waters of baptism.

Elder Fowler: I pray that the Spirit of God will enlighten my mind and direct my thoughts. I realize the truth of the remarks that you have just heard. In listening to the remarks of Elder Lyman, a portion of Scripture came to my mind, that, there shall be a famine in the land; it will not be for bread, but for the word of God. Will this be for the want of Bibles? No, the land is full of Bibles. It will be for men holding the Priesthood of God to give the living word.

How beautiful the Gospel appears when our minds are lit up by the Spirit of God. To those who receive this Spirit the Bible is a new book, it fills the heart with joy and peace. The man or woman that is alive to their religion have no doubts upon their minds; they have the love of God in their hearts, which casteth out all fear; they know that their Redeemer lives; but to keep this faith and knowledge we must live our religion.

My testimony is that God has spoken from the heavens in these the last days, and I know it for myself, and you can also know it through obedience to the commandments of God. I would say to you, my brethren and sisters, live your religion, keep the commandments of God, and you that have money enough to go to Zion, if you love yourselves, go.

Elder W. L. Binder: I am truly happy for the privilege of meeting with you and hearing the testimonies of my brethren. The Gospel is my meat and drink, and the revelations of God to me, knowing as I do that the hand of God is in this work, and that his kingdom is established on the earth. A great work is upon our shoulders as Latter-day Saints. By faith, prayer, and the counsels of the servants of God, we shall be able to fulfill our missions, if we live by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God, and are devoted to his work, we shall have satisfaction in our labors, peace to our souls, and the light of the Spirit will be with us; we shall enjoy the influence of that Spirit, we shall partake of that power, that is as a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

I feel like urging my brethren and sisters to live up to the covenants they have made. Remember that God holds us responsible for all our acts. I am pleased that I have a testimony to bear in relation to the restoration of the everlasting Gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith: and that God, through his servants who now preside over the Church, reveals unto us his mind and will; and if we comply with the requirements of the Holy Priesthood we shall increase in all that is good, and be saved day by day. I know that the kingdom of God will stand and endure forever.

Hymn, "The spirit of God like a fire is burning," &c. Benediction by Elder D. K. Udall.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Three things to cultivate: good books, good friends, and good humor.

Too fast or too slow, too much or too little, one extreme or the other. So the people move, so they talk, in a manner so they live, all over the known world. Yet there is a happy medium if we can only arrive at it. And the day of salvation has dawned, the real light is being diffused in the midst of the inhabitants of the earth, though they comprehend it not. The leaven of the Lord is working, His purposes are being fulfilled, truth will triumph.

SWISS AND GERMAN CONFERENCE,

HELD AT BERN, SWITZERLAND, JUNE 6, 1875.

(CONCLUDED FROM PAGE 391.)

7 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Prest. Stucki. Singing by the congregation:

How firm a foundation ye Saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word.

Prayer by Elder John Jacob Walser. Singing—

O my father thou that dwellest
In the high and glorious place.

Elder H. Eyring read the 17th chap. of John, said: This was one of the most sublime prayers on record. It illustrated beautifully the principle of oneness, which is one of the most important requirements of the Gospel. Through baptism we are united into one Spirit, which will bring about that perfect union which is so essential to the prosperity of the people of God. Jesus says we are not of this world. Through baptism we renounce the world and covenant to walk in newness of life. We should be one in temporal as well as in spiritual things. We have but one interest, but one duty, but one great aim of our lives, namely, the building up of the Zion of our God. When we were baptized, we covenanted to serve God with all our hearts.

We have heard this day the testimony of our brethren, and moreover we are favored with the presence and the teachings of one of the Apostles of this last dispensation, even the son of that noble martyr Hyrum Smith, whose memory will always be cherished by the faithful Latter-day Saints, and who occupies an eminent position among those who have bled for the testimony of Jesus in this dispensation.

I bear my humble testimony that God has spoken from the heavens, and that he has established his kingdom on earth. We can all receive this testimony, and whosoever will repent of his sins with all his heart, and is baptized in water, will know for himself of the divinity of this work. It is through a daily observance of the laws of the Gospel that we will eventually obtain an exaltation in the presence of the Father. Exhorted to diligence in prayer, obedience and humility, and said that God would never forsake those who diligently seek him.

Prest. J. U. Stucki said that we had been greatly blessed this day, in hearing the words of eternal life. Men seek for heavenly blessings, but are unwilling to perform the temporal works necessary for salvation. The kingdom of God embraces temporal as well as spiritual things. We have heard to-day the words of life, and it will be for the well-being of each of us to treasure them up in honest hearts and to walk in our lives according to them. According to the teachings we receive, we shall be judged. The doctrines of the Gospel are food to our souls. We can make many improvements, we should abstain from the use of tobacco, from the use of intoxicating drinks, and everything else which is an injury to our bodies.

When we hear the oracles of eternal life, we have a desire to live righteously before God, and feel to serve him with all our hearts. We should love the Gospel above all things and be willing to give even our lives, if required, as many of our brethren and sisters have done in these last days. My testimony to you is, that Joseph Smith was, and Brigham Young is a Prophet of the living God, and that the Lord has again established his kingdom on the earth.

I am grateful to see that the brethren and sisters, by the decoration of this room and the numerous attendance at these meetings, have shown their appreciation of and good feelings to the servants of God.

Elder Hardy expressed his gratitude at meeting with the Swiss Saints, and bore testimony to the divinity of the great latter-day work.

Elder Freeman arose and said: Brethren and sisters I feel thankful for

the opportunity of meeting with you here in the capacity of a Conference. I am pleased to see you, and to participate in the influence which you enjoy, and I hope and trust we all may be profited in assembling together on this occasion. I feel I would like to speak to you, in your own tongue. I bear my testimony to the truth of the work of God that we are engaged in. I know that God has spoken from the heavens, he revealed the everlasting Gospel to Joseph Smith, and gave him power and authority to administer the same unto those who might believe the Gospel. And thus it is that we are met here to-day to worship God in his own appointed way, and if we will only live by the words which have been taught us by the servants of God, we will gain eternal life in his kingdom.

The Lord is doing a great work in the earth among the inhabitants thereof, in gathering those that will receive his word, from the nations of the earth, and planting them in the valleys of the mountains, where they can receive instructions from the Prophets of the Lord, and learn to be united and become one in all things, and receive blessings they can not receive in a scattered condition. It is our duty and privilege to go up to the land of Zion where we can be instructed. The Lord is willing to impart unto us knowledge inasmuch as we can receive it in our hearts from time to time. If we are faithful we shall receive little by little until we shall become what the Lord would have us to be—perfect. Let us be faithful in keeping the covenants we have made with our God, that we may gain all the blessings he has in store for the Saints. This is the kingdom of God, and if we are faithful we will come off victorious. May the Lord bless you, is my *prayer*, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prest. Joseph F. Smith addressed the Saints as follows:—I will endeavor to say a few words:—Thousands and tens of thousands of people in former days desired to live to see the day you and I see, but died without the sight. We live in a day of revelation, when it is not necessary for any good man or woman to go without a knowledge of the truth; not that another should know it for you, but that you and I and every man and every woman in the world may know the truth for himself and herself, for God has promised unto all of us the knowledge of the Church—a knowledge of the only living and true God, whom to know is life eternal through obedience to the laws and commandments which he has given. It is not given unto all of us to be the leaders of the Church, or to receive revelation for the guidance of the Church, but it is our privilege to receive revelation from God for our own guidance in the paths of truth and righteousness, that lead back into the presence of the Father. It is our privilege to enjoy every gift and blessing in the Gospel. We should therefore seek for the best gifts; the gift of wisdom, the gift of knowledge, of understanding, of patience, of humility, are the gifts most needed, as a general thing by those who have received the Gospel in these the latter-days. We should seek for the gift of faith, and for the power of healing, and for every qualification that will enable us in every way to be more steadfast and firm in the Gospel of eternal truth.

I have no doubt you all have a desire to go to Zion to dwell with the people of God, because through obedience to the principles of the Gospel, all those of us who have received the spirit of Christ, and the spirit of the latter-day work, realize the necessity of gathering together that we may establish the House of the Lord in the tops of the mountains, in the land the Lord has appointed for the gathering of his people. One great blessing that is to be derived by gathering with the people of God, is that the husbands may receive their wives and that the wives may be sealed to their husbands for time and all eternity by the gift and power of God through the Priesthood. These blessings come under the power and principle of the Celestial law, and can not be received except in a place set apart or Temple built and dedicated for that purpose, and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood. The Lord has restored the Priesthood to the earth, which holds the power to bind on earth and it will be bound in heaven, and to loose on earth and it will be loosed in heaven, as it was given

to Peter, James and John, and the other Apostles anciently, by our Savior Jesus Christ. The same Priesthood and power has been restored to the earth in our own day. As Solomon of old built a Temple for the purpose of administering the sacred ordinances of the Gospel therein, so we have to build Temples in this dispensation in which we can administer the ordinances of the Gospel, that the power of the Priesthood may be exerted for the salvation of the children of men, for the living and the dead, for without the Priesthood and the blessings offered by the Priesthood, no man can attain to a fulness of exaltation through Jesus Christ, and participate in the glory of the Celestial kingdom. These are some of the great and good things that have been revealed to us in the day and age in which we live, that cause my heart to rejoice. I am thankful to my heavenly Father that I have the privilege of living in this age of the world—that I have received blessings under the hands of the Priesthood, that I have had sealed upon my head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, in the house of the Lord the blessings of eternal life, and the privilege of coming forth in the morning of the first resurrection, clothed with glory, immortality and eternal life, if I am faithful. The Lord has said unto his servants, that whatsoever blessings they confer and seal upon the heads of the sons and daughters of men by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, and by the Holy Spirit of promise, he would fulfill. But, we must be faithful to the covenants that we have made with the Lord, and to the principles of the Gospel, that we may prepare ourselves and be found worthy to receive a crown of eternal life, which is the greatest gift of God.

It is said in the Scriptures, blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection, for on such the second death will have no power, but they shall be Kings and Priests unto God and his Christ and shall reign on the earth. But unless the privilege and blessing is sealed upon our heads by this authority which was conferred upon Peter, James and John, to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection, clothed with glory, immortality and eternal life, we can not come forth in the morning of the first resurrection, but will have to sleep "until the thousand years are finished." For only those who will have the name of God written in their foreheads, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb will have the privilege of coming forth in the first resurrection. These are they that received the blessings of the Holy Spirit, the blessings of the Gospel in the kingdom of God, under the authority of the Holy Priesthood. Therefore, if wives desire their husbands, and husbands desire their wives in the spirit world, or after the resurrection, they must be married for eternity here in the flesh, for in the resurrection, there is neither marrying nor giving in marriage, but all are as the angels in heaven, that is, are ministering spirits—as servants and not as Lords.

May the Lord bless this congregation, and give you each and every one wisdom, to be firm and steadfast in the covenants which you have made before the Lord in the waters of baptism. And may the way be opened up before you, to enable you to gather to Zion, and receive the blessings of the house of the Lord. And while you labor, or dwell in this land, be faithful in the ministry, be faithful in your lives, set a good example before the people. Live so that you will not be ashamed of your profession—so that you can enjoy the spirit of God and faith of the Gospel; and be lights unto the world, or as the salt which has not lost its savor, wherewith the world will be salted or will be saved.

Help these brethren here, that are sent to you from Zion, sustain them by your faith and prayers. Observe all the principles of the Gospel; live humble and prayerful, and observe morning and evening prayers in your families. If any of you are in the habit of using profane language, stop it. If any of you are in the habit of using strong drink, lay it aside. If you are in the habit of doing anything that would grieve the Spirit of the Lord, stop it. Keep cleanly in your bodies; keep pure in your minds, in your spirits, that your tabernacles

may be holy Temples for the Spirit of God to dwell in. Then you will have power among the children of men. You will be filled with light and faith, and the power of God to convince the honest in heart of the principles of the Gospel, and will eventually be classed among those who will be called saviors of men, for you will be instrumental in the hands of the Lord of bringing many to a knowledge of the truth. This is my counsel and my prayer for you: That you may be blest and prospered in the earth, and that we may all come together in the kingdom of God to sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven with Christ, and the twelve Apostles that lived on the continent of America, and with all the holy Prophets and holy men of old, and holy women of old, who enjoy the Celestial kingdom, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

Singing. Benediction by Elder F. M. Lyman.

JOHN U. STUCKI, Prest.
JOHN J. WALSER, Sec'y.
MILTON H. HARDY, Rep.

WHAT A WOMAN SHOULD BE.

Personal attractions most girls possess, at any rate in a sufficient degree to render them attractive to somebody; for, although there are standards and models of beauty, yet these do not prevail with all persons. There is something wonderful in the difference of aspect which the same face wears to different beholders. Probably the philosophical explanation of this is, that what is hidden from all others becomes immediately and instinctively apparent to the eye of love. How can a moderately good-looking girl increase her attractions? By culture. She must cultivate her mind. An ignorant, illiterate woman, if even she attracts attention, cannot retain the interest of an intelligent man. She must do this by reading, by study, by reflection, and by familiar conversation with the best and most highly educated persons with whom she comes in contact. But the heart must be cultivated as well as the head. "Of all things," exclaimed a most refined gentleman after nearly a lifetime's familiarity with the best society,—"of all things give me a softness and gentleness in a woman." A harsh voice, a coarse laugh—trifles like these—have often spoiled many a favorable first impression. The cultivation of the heart must be real, not feigned. A woman who studies to appear, rather than be, good and generous, seldom succeeds in deceiving the opposite sex in these respects. She who, in truth, seeks earnestly to promote the happiness of those around her, is very apt soon to obtain admirers among men. Above all other requisites in a woman is conscientiousness. Without this one touchstone of character, no matter what her charms and acquirements, she cannot expect to command the lasting regard of any man whose love is worth having.—*Glasgow Weekly Mail.*

LOOK OUT YOUNG MAN.—When it is said of a man, "He drinks," and it can be proved, then what store wants him for a clerk? Who will trust him? What dying man would appoint him his executor? He may have been thirty years in building his reputation—it goes down. Letters of recommendation, the backing up of business firms, a brilliant ancestry, cannot save him. The world shies off. Why? It is whispered all through the community "He drinks!" That blasts him. There are young men here who have their good name as their only capital—You are achieving your own fortune, under God, by your own right arm. Now, look out, young man, that there is no doubt of your sobriety. Do not create any suspicion by going in and out of liquor establishments, or by any odor of your breath or by any glare of your eye, or by any unnatural flush of your cheek. You cannot afford to do it, for your good name is your only capital, and when that is blasted with the reputation of taking strong drink, all is gone,—*Ex.*

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1875.

THE SACREDNESS OF OUR CALLING.

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THERE can be no greater, or more important calling for men than that in which the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are engaged, when in the discharge of their duties as missionaries to the world. They stand as teachers, counselors and leaders to the people. They are commissioned with the word of life, and "the power of God unto salvation," to minister unto this proud, conceited, self-righteous, but benighted and degenerate world.

They come forth representing the cause of Zion, advocating the pure principles, the correct forms and ceremonies—officiating in the sacred ordinances—and setting forth the exact and perfect order of the kingdom of God, as revealed in the fulness of the everlasting Gospel, which has been restored to the earth in the nineteenth century by holy angels sent from the presence of the great Eloheim. Not to teach the dogmas or commandments of men, nor practice the habits, follow the examples, or submit to the influences of the ungodly, nor to fall into the pernicious and forbidden ways of those who are ignorant of the plan of life; not to preach "another Gospel," but *the* Gospel of Christ, which embraces every principle requisite for the full and complete salvation of all men in all ages, conditions and climes; points out the whole duty of man, and the whole truth concerning his origin, his present probationary state, his relationship to God and his fellow-man, his redemption and eternal destiny. To preach the gathering of Israel and the building of Zion in the land of Joseph, the return of the Jews in the due time of the Lord to rebuild their holy city, Jerusalem. The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, in power and great glory, "suddenly to his temple," and Joseph Smith, the Prophet of the 19th century, who came before to prepare his ways, "to give knowledge of salvation unto the people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace," and do all things necessary to consummate the purposes of God in the dispensation of the fulness of times. Therefore what manner of men ought they to be? The tree is known by its fruits. There is something despicable in the idea of a man preaching one thing and practicing another, as being wholly incompatible with consistency and with truth.

The influence of example being so much stronger than that of precept, unless the life corresponds with the professions, the usefulness of an Elder is

destroyed and he becomes an obstacle in the way of those who would otherwise be induced to keep the commandments of God. To our mind it is the height of absurdity and hypocrisy for individuals to claim the possession of the Gospel and the light of God's Spirit to guide them, except the fruits of that Gospel and Spirit be and abound in them. "In vain do we say Lord, Lord, if we keep not his commandments." If "he that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him," how much more so he that makes this profession and essays to teach men the love of God? "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." (1 John, 5, 3.) "The whole need not a physician but they that are sick" To him that comes bearing a message which he does not practically honor, and which therefore is no benefit to him, it may be justly said, "physician heal thyself!" To come to the world with the Book of Mormon, and the Revelations of God through the Prophet Joseph Smith, having covenanted to observe and keep the law which they contain, and at the same time omit that duty—not to say violate that covenant, by a disregard to the most plain and pointed requirements therein, through indifference, ignorance, or merely to gratify an appetite, is to say the least inconsistent and absurd, if not infamous, and it is confidently expected that no Elder will place himself in this position, or become liable to any such a charge. On the other hand, "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

This is a wicked and an adulterous generation. The spirit of evil is abroad in the world, and but few possess the spirit of light and truth and the love of God in their hearts. Human nature is weak and groveling, and compared to it temptations are strong, hence the necessity to be born again and to follow Christ, who is the light of the world, that we may not walk in the darkness but have the light of life. To avoid mistakes, and transgression, and to serve God acceptably we must keep "on His ground." No man has strength, wisdom, nor time to waste, to play with evil temptations, or in other words to *tempt the devil.* We must *resist* evil if we would have it depart from us—for whomsoever we list to serve, his servants are we, and if in bondage to sin, to pernicious habits, or depraved appetites, or base passions, it is a proof positive that we have neglected our privileges, have not received the benefits of the Gospel of liberty, and have need to be taught, for he only that overcometh evil is free indeed.

Will our brethren please to reflect upon the important principle to which these few remarks may serve to call their especial attention, for their own as well as for the sake of the glorious cause in which they should be wholly and efficiently engaged. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

RECOVERING.—President George A. Smith is rapidly recovering his usual health and strength. Yesterday (June 4th) he was out carriage-riding for a short time.—*S. L. Herald.*

DEPARTURE.—The following five Missionaries left us for their mountain home on the 16th instant on board the S. S. *Wisconsin*, Guion Line. These brethren have labored faithfully in the cause of Truth ever since they have been in this mission up to the hour of their departure. We have experienced much plea-

sure in associating with them in their respective fields of labor from time to time during their sojourn in our midst. The work of the Lord has prospered in their hands. Peace be with them and we wish them a safe journey to Zion.

Elder R. T. Burton arrived at Liverpool June 8, 1873. Was appointed to preside in the Birmingham Conference where he labored until March 31, 1874, when he was appointed to succeed Elder Herrick in the Presidency of the London Conference, and remained there enjoying the confidence of the people, till he was released to return home, in charge of the 16th June company of Saints. He has been a faithful steward and successful in the holy ministry.

Elder E. N. Freeman arrived at Liverpool June 8, 1873. Was appointed to preside in the Bristol Conference, where he labored till July 28, 1874, when he was called to labor in the Sheffield Conference, under the direction of Elder R. W. Heyborne, and was appointed to the Presidency of that Conference, August 25, 1874, where he successfully labored up to the time of his departure.

Elder Peter Sinclair arrived at Liverpool July 21, 1874. Was appointed to labor in the Glasgow Conference, and on the Orkney Islands. He has been a faithful minister, and a wise expounder of the word. Having baptized about 30 souls, some of whom have gone to Utah with him.

Elder M. H. Hardy arrived at Liverpool Oct. 21, 1872. Was appointed to preside in the Leeds Conference. November 18, 1873, he was appointed to labor in the London Conference, under the direction of Elder R. T. Burton. He has left an excellent record behind him.

Elder Jacob Zundel arrived at Liverpool Sept. 28, 1874. Was appointed to labor in the Swiss and German Mission where he labored faithfully to the best of his ability.

RELEASES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Releases.—Elder C. G. Larsen has been released from the Presidency of the Scandinavian Mission to return home in charge of the company leaving Liverpool June 30th.

Elder J. Frantzen is released from his labors in the Copenhagen office to return home with the above company.

Elders L. S. Andersen, N. Andersen, Andrew Jensen and P. C. Geertsen are also released from their appointments to and labors in the Scandinavian mission to return home.

Elder Miles L. Williams is released from the Presidency of the Welsh Conference, to return home with the June 30th company.

Appointments.—Elder N. C. Flygare is appointed to succeed Elder C. G. Larsen in the Presidency of the Scandinavian Mission.

Elder William J. Lewis is appointed to succeed Elder Miles L. Williams in the Presidency of the Welsh Conference.

The Guion United States steamer *Wisconsin*, that sailed from this port on the 16th instant, arrived at New York on Sunday, June 27th, at 12 noon. This is good news.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Elder E. W. Clark writes from Leeds, under date June 10th inst.:—"I have visited some of my relatives at Wolverhampton and Pattinghan—was

received very kindly after being absent in the mountains of Utah for 24 years. They feel more inclined to listen to my testimony now, after such an experience, than when I used to converse with them before I emigrated. I have left some of our Church works for them to read. I found some honest inquirers in that region of country, after the right way. I addressed the Saints on two occasions in their meeting room, and encouraged them. On the 9th of June I came to Leeds, and found Prest. Woodhouse and Elder L. Brown, who received me very kindly, as did also the Saints, some of whom will be leaving for Zion on the 16th inst. We have been counseling together, and laying out plans for our future labors in the propagation of the Gospel."

Elder W. L. Watkins writes in good spirits from London, June 10th inst:—"I am enjoying myself very well, and hope to be able to do some good for the cause in which I am engaged. I attended a meeting of the Saints last evening in Whitechapel Branch, and had a good time. The brethren and sisters feel to rejoice in the possession of the Spirit of the Lord, looking anxiously forward for the time to arrive when they will have the opportunity of gathering with the Saints to Zion."

CORRESPONDENCE.

ENGLAND.

Birmingham, June 18, 1875.

Prest. Joseph F. Smith.

Dear Brother,—Since my last letter dated May 26th, I have made a tour through portions of Worcester and Hereford counties. I visited a small Branch of the Church at Ridgeway Cross, the neighborhood where Elder W. Woodruff labored some years ago with so much success.

On Sunday, the 6th instant, in company with Elders Hill and Hadley of that Branch and a few of the Saints, I walked over to Brinstie Commons, a distance of seven miles from Ridgeway, where we held a Camp Meeting and had a good congregation. Elder Daniel Hill made some very appropriate remarks, and then introduced me to the congregation as an Elder from Salt Lake City. I occupied nearly an hour in explaining our principles and testifying that the Gospel was again restored to the earth in our day; we had a very good audience. After dismissal a Mr. Williams who is a Primitive Methodist preacher, so I was informed, came forward and wished to ask some questions. I replied, I would take pleasure in answering any pertinent questions upon what I had preached, or upon any principles we advocated. He was very gentlemanly in his deportment and stated that his object was not to find fault or to oppose, but to gain information. I felt very much pleased that he did ask me so many questions, because it brought the people close up all around me, and I had a very good opportunity of replying, and in giving our views upon several subjects which I had not touched upon during my discourse, and I believe to the entire satisfaction of most of those present.

On our return to Ridgeway Cross, we passed through a small village where we had left one of the brethren to visit and notify the people that a meeting would be held in the evening on the Green, near the Turnpike Gate. Elder Hill and myself preached and the people gave very good attention. After meeting was over some of the people came up to us and requested us to sing another hymn or two, shook hands with us, and hoped we would come again.

We announced another Camp Meeting on the Brinstie Commons, the first Sunday in July, and also a meeting in the evening at Acton, when some Elders from America would be present to preach to them. I believe

that good will be accomplished in that neighborhood. We intend to give them a fair warning and do our best to lay our principles before them and leave them without excuse. There is a very good feeling all around this neighborhood.

I had the privilege of baptizing six new members last Sunday. Among the number was a Mr. Phillips, who has been the leader of a Baptist choir for fifteen years past.

We are all well. Elders Smith, Halliday and Belliston join in kind remembrance to you and all the brethren in the office.

Your brother in the bonds of Peace,
R. V. MORRIS.

Hebburn-on-Tyne, June 18, 1875.
President Joseph F. Smith.

Dear Brother,—I hope that this will find you in the enjoyment of the choicest blessings of heaven.

Elders Maughan and Golloway, recently appointed to labor in this Conference, have not yet arrived. Elder Nelson, after staying a day or two with me here, went out west *via* Carlisle.

We have the country around here alive with out-door preaching. In some places "Mormonism" is all the talk. The Lord is blessing our labors and giving us some increase. We have baptized since our emigration commenced, this spring, between twenty and thirty persons, and expect to continue the good work.

Hoping you are well, with all the brethren in the Office,

I remain as ever yours,
A. MCFARLAND.

WALES.

Merthyr, June 17, 1875.
President Joseph F. Smith.

Dear Brother,—Knowing the interest you take in the work of the Lord, and the responsibility resting upon you as our President in this land, and that it is of great importance that you should be made acquainted with the condition of the Saints under your watch-care, I thought it my duty to write a few lines to you from this Conference.

Since my return from Liverpool I have been engaged in re-organizing the remnants of Branches left after the emigration, and have succeeded in doing so with the best material at my command. I have also visited the lower country—Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire, where I found many old Saints that had not been visited for many years past. They were glad to see me, and treated me very kindly. It appears to me that there is a good field for the Elders in that section of the Welsh Conference.

On my return to Merthyr I found three of the Elders from the Valley awaiting my arrival, namely, Elders Lewis, Martell and Evans—all in good health and spirits. After spending a few days in visiting their friends and the Saints in this part, I assigned them to their fields of labor—Elders Martell and Evans to travel for the present together in the three lower Shires to break new ground, and visit the scattered Saints in Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire.

My feelings are that much good will be accomplished. Elder Lewis will travel with me in Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. Elder D. Jones has not reported himself to me as yet.

Dear brother, the prospects for a good work in this Conference are very bright. The local Elders are full of life, and willing to do all they can this summer to warn their friends and neighbors. Out-of-door preaching is the order of the day, and it has a very good effect.

We have recently baptized six new members into the Church.

My health is good. God bless you, and all the Faithful.

Your brother in the Gospel,
MILES L. WILLIAMS.

ISLE OF MAN.

Douglas, June 23, 1875.
Prest. Joseph F. Smith.

Dear Brother,—Your esteemed favor of the 22nd was received last evening; accept my thanks for your kind welcome to England and for your hopes respecting the restoration of my health and the pleasure of my visit. I am happy to state that so far my visit has been most agreeable and my health

has improved all that I could reasonably expect; in fact if it continues to improve as it has done, I hope to be able to return home in a few weeks fully restored. For this great blessing I am truly thankful to our heavenly Father. The pleasure of my visit to this Island, my native land, has not been unattended with pain, in finding so many of my near relatives, my associates in boyhood and school-fellows had passed from earth; with the exception of a few very old people whom I remembered, I seemed to be amongst a strange people, who had little or no knowledge respecting me. There are a great many changes—old houses torn down and new ones erected. old landmarks removed and improvements made, which so alter places as to render them scarcely recognizable.

There are not many Latter-day Saints on the Island; I have only found three persons who acknowledged themselves members of the Church. When a boy I remember hearing of several quite large Branches of the Church being here, but they have gathered with the Saints, are dead, or worse than dead, lost their faith and given up the ship. There is as much prejudice and bigotry among the people as ever, and they show little disposition to listen to anything relating to our faith. The love of money, and the fear of what the world will say, will prevent them, I fear, from opening their ears to the truth, until something stronger than preaching, reminds them of their situation.

I was greatly relieved to learn, as I did by the *Herald*, of June 4th and 5th, that Prest. Geo. A. Smith's health had so much improved, as I was very anxious about him. God be thanked, that his life has been preserved to the Church.

As I expect to see you personally in a day or two, I will not prolong my letter.

With kind regards to yourself, brother Hanham and all in the Office, I remain truly your brother,

JOHN T. CAINE.

THE DEMANDS OF THE GOSPEL.

The Gospel of Christ should regulate and inspire all the practical interests, relations and duties of life. The time was when religion was thought to be one thing, and the advancement of society in all human interests and relations quite another and different affair. But the world is getting bravely over that one-sided and narrow belief. Now the views entertained upon this subject and the practical enforcement of them is quite the reverse of this. That human interests begin to be recognized as religious interests, and that all questions which effect the progress and welfare of society are parts of, and outgrowths from the true spirit of the Gospel shed abroad over all the world, are the ethics of the Gospel, was never so clearly seen and acknowledged, as it is to-day. And in this we hail the fact that the practical principles of the Gospel are conforming society and human institutions more and more to its own spirit. The true spirit of christianity is not a set of passive principles, nor a system of institutes conformable to the changing conditions of human society; but it is a regenerating power, moulding and regulating society, peoples, and governments as well as individuals; operating silently, as all great forces operate, but potentially, directly, and almost irresistibly. It was framed for man, with reference to his varied needs as a social being and member of the social organism and body politic, as well as with reference to his spiritual wants and heavenly destination. Hence it includes human duties and human rights, and all the social, and civil methods by which these rights and duties may be guarded and enforced. The distinctive features of the true Christian religion make it practical beyond all other religions, and adapt it to the varied needs of the individual life and the ever-changing life of the world.

The Gospel aims to promote the impartial good of the race. It is necessarily revolutionary in its tendencies. It has made its way to nations

and peoples through every available avenue which opens to it; and while it interfered not with minor matters, as of forms and modes of acting and being in the social and civil relations of life, it announced universal and eternal moral truths on whose deep foundations the structures of society must be based, or be swept away to make room for institutions founded upon its fundamental principles. Special forms or modes of government the New Testament does not undertake to teach. The ethics of the Gospel comprise those true principles of truth and duty on which, adapted equally to all men and all times, the best reconstruction of all institutions rest. It was by the general spirit of the teachings of Christ involved therein, that the most stupendous moral revolution the world has known was accomplished by it in the lapse of a few short years. And the same spirit, and the same general principles for the regulation of man in civil and social relations, still more distinctly mark the movements and institutions of the Gospel in our country. The moral elements of the religion are more clearly seen and powerfully operative to day than ever before.

The sacredness of the individual, the protection of each in his private opinion, the equal value of all souls and the divine right of man to self-government, are the axioms which we are trying in our age to develop and apply in all social relations and ways. The Gospel recognizes and consecrates these as principles, if not directly, by constant implication. How unmistakably it enunciates the RIGHTS OF MAN in setting forth the duties of man which correspond to these rights! The announcement of the Savior, that he came "to preach the Gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and to open the prison doors of them that are bound," recognizes the value and capacity of the common mind, and a divine regard, and provision for the lowliest. "Honor all men" is the special injunction of the New Testament; an injunction which was new to the world, and which guarded the personality and sacredness of each human being.—*Utah County Times, May* 15.

UTAH NEWS.

OBITUARY.—CALLISTER.—At Fillmore City, Utah, at the residence of her father, at a quarter to 3 a.m., May the 6th, Maggie Jane, daughter of Thomas and Hellen M. Callister, after an illness of five days. Disease supposed to be inflammation of the bowels. Deceased was born in Salt Lake City, Oct. 13th, 1858, was a sister of integrity and universally beloved, and her death casts a deep gloom over our little town. A few moments previous to her death, she called the family around her dying bed, and bidding each one good-bye, assured them that she should meet them all again, and expressed her undying faith in the principles of the Gospel and a glorious resurrection.—COM.—*News.*

Sister Callister's death in the rosy bloom of youth was quite unexpected. Her parting with her friends was extraordinarily affecting. Her gentle spirit seemed to have partaken of the joys of heaven ere it left the body. She manifested a great desire to depart and be with the Saints above. One of her sisters writing to a friend says, "Death to her had no sting. The heavenly light that beamed from her eyes at the time of her death was glorious to look upon, and her countenance was radiant with the Spirit of God." She said, "I love you all—I am very happy, and I am not afraid to die—I am going to a good place—good-bye all." "She died as peacefully as a child going to sleep." "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

From the *Salt Lake Herald*:—

OBSEQUIES.—The funeral obsequies of the lamented Peter Evans took place on Sunday, May 3rd, at his late residence in the 9th Ward, and were attended by a large number of the friends and acquaintances of deceased. Elder Isaac Greo delivered a very impressive address to those present, paying high tribute to the departed and imparting words of consolation to his widow and children. The procession which followed the remains to their last resting place, was largely made up of relatives, neighbors and friends.

THE IMMIGRANTS.—The *Wyoming* company of Mormon immigrants reached Ogden late on Wednesday night, June 2nd, and yesterday morning, June 3rd, were brought to this city by special train. They were met at Farmington by Presidents Young and Wells, and other leading men of the Church, and at the depot many of the weary travelers found relatives and friends. The immigrants have had a successful and not unpleasant journey from Liverpool to Salt Lake, and they arrived here in excellent health and spirits.

OBITUARY.—At his residence, in Payson City, Utah, May 14th, 1875, JOHN BOILSTON FAIRBANKS. Deceased was born in Queensbury, N. Y., April 28, 1817; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Mead's Basin, N. J., by Elder John Leach, March 16, 1843; gathered with the Saints at Nauvoo, Illinois, in October, 1844; with them was driven out of the State by the mob, April 25, 1846; found a temporary home at Winter Quarters, whence he started for the Rocky Mountains, as a captain of ten in J. M. Grants company, June 17, 1847. At an early day in the history of Payson, known then as Peteetneet, he removed with his family to this, then remote, settlement, and from that date to the hour of his death was intimately and closely identified with its history and growth; February 18, 1862, was appointed Bishop of Payson Ward, which office he faithfully and honorably filled until sent on a mission to England, April 26, 1871. During his absence on this mission, circumstances with which he was not in the least connected and over which he could not possibly have any control rendered the appointment of a successor to the bishopric of the Ward necessary, and Elder Joseph S. Tanner was called to that position. At our late municipal election Elder Fairbanks was elected a member of the city council of Payson City, which office he held at the time of his decease. Elder Fairbanks was known far and near for his fatherly disposition, for his kindness of heart, for his wisdom in council, and for his faithfulness to the principles of the Gospel. He lived and died a consistent Latter-day Saint, and left behind him a name and character of which his descendants and friends may well be proud. The funeral services were conducted in the meeting house, and consolatory addresses were delivered by President A. O. Smoot of Provo, Elder Junius F. Wells of Salt Lake City, and Bishop J. S. Tanner and Elder I. M. Coombs of Payson. Between four and five hundred persons accompanied the mourners to the cemetery, some in wagons and carriages, and others on foot, the members of the city council acting as pall bearers. All feel that another good man has gone to rest, and all feel to say, "Peace to his ashes."—COM.

From the *Deseret News*:—

THE LAMANITES.—The Indians keep coming in to be baptized. Twelve were baptized on Sunday, May 30th, and eleven yesterday, May 31st. One of them a tall, rather fine-looking Shoshone chief, named Alma, predicted to brother Huntington, after he came out of the water, that the baptizing would soon not be occasional, as now, but that it would progress all the time, from morning till night, that the various tribes would come by hundreds and thousands, instead of a few at a time, and that it would take years to baptize all who would come, for all the Indians would eventually be included in the movement. Alma's home is in the Salmon River country.

ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT YOUNG'S BIRTHDAY.—This first day of June, 1875, is the seventy-fourth anniversary of the birthday of President B. Young, one of the greatest and most remarkable men that has lived in any age. He has already done a life-work that will compare favorably in many respects with that of any of earth's sons who have preceded him, and we are pleased to be able to state, on this his natal day, that, although he is now four years past the allotted three score and ten, his general health is good. The occasion has been honored at American Fork by a children's grand jubilee, the exercises of which have been participated in by many thousands of children. In connection with tens of thousands of his friends we wish President Young continued long life and prosperity.